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SUBJECT: SUITABILITY OF INDONESIAN CRUDE OIL FOR U.S.
STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

REF: JAKARTA 10008

1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH MOST INDONESIAN CRUDE STREAMS ARE
NOT SUITABLE FOR STORAGE IN THE U.S. STRATEGIC PETROLEUM
RESERVE OWING TO POUR POINT SPECIFICATIONS, SOME CRUDE
STREAMS WOULD QUALIFY AND COULD BE OFFERED IN RESPONSE
TO CALLS FOR TENDERS. INDONESIAN CRUDE, HOWEVER, HAS
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NOT BEEN OFFERED TO DATE. END SUMMARY.

2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR CRUDES STORED IN U.S. STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE ARE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY
AND EASE OF STORAGE, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE STOCKPILE OF
READILY USABLE OIL BY U.S. REFINERIES IN CASE OF A SUPPLY
INTERRUPTION. SPECIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR

FIVE TYPES OF OIL. MAXIMUM POUR POINT IN DEGREES
FARENHEIT FOR TYPE I IS 30, FOR TYPES 2-5, IT IS 50.
(POUR POINT IS THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE AT WHICH AN OIL CAN
BE POURED.) MOST INDONESIAN CRUDE PRODUCTION IS FROM
CRUDE STREAMS WITH POUR POINTS WHICH EXCEED THESE LIMITS.
SOME CRUDE STREAMS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE, HOWEVER, AND ATTAKA

AND POLENG CRUDES WERE ORIGINALLY ON THE LIST OF CRUDES
TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING SUITABLE FOR STRATEGIC
STORAGE PURPOSES. IT WAS LATER DECIDED TO INCLUDE ON THE
QUALIFIED LIST ONLY CRUDES FOR WHICH ASSAYS WERE IN HANDS
OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ITS PROCURING AGENT. (DEPART-
MENT IS SENDING EMBASSY A COPY OF THE DETAILED SPECIFICA-
TIONS FOR THE FIVE TYPES OF CRUDE SUITABLE FOR STORAGE.)

3. DEFENSE FUEL SUPPLY CENTER (DFSC) IS THE DEPARTMENT
OF ENERGY'S PURCHASING AGENT FOR CRUDE OIL FOR THE
STRATEGIC STORAGE PROGRAM. DFSC PUBLISHES ANNOUNCEMENTS
OF INTENT TO PROCURE CRUDE OIL, WHICH ARE CIRCULATED
WIDELY IN THE TRADE PRESS. PERTAMINA OR ANY OTHER
COMMERCIAL FIRM OR GOVERNMENT-OWNED COMPANY WOULD BE
WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS.
ALL PURCHASES BY DFSC ARE GENERALLY MADE ON A COMPETITIVE
BASIS, WITH CONTRACTS AWARDED TO LOWEST BIDDER WHO MEETS
ALL DFSC TERMS AND CONDITIONS. SHOULD PERTAMINA DESIRE
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BIDDERS LIST FOR FUTURE PROCUREMENT,
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